(d) Substantial assistance for implementation of various ongoing schemes for the development of handlooms has been provided to the State Govt. of Gujarat as per the following details :—

Year	Amount of Assistance provided (Rs. in lakhs)
1989-90	641.38
1990-91	634.24
1991-92	141.84

(e) Govt. do not directly supply cotton yarn to the weavers in the country. A number of State agencies with financial assistance from Central Govt. are undertaking supply of cotton yarn to weavers of Gujarat in addition to private sources of supply. The National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) is also supplementing the yarn supply operations of State Handloom Agencies.

इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण सुधार और क्षिप्रा नदी के प्रदूषण नियंत्रण संबंधी परियोजनाएं

*222. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण सुधार तथा क्षिप्रा नदी के प्रदूषण नियंत्रण और सफाई संबंधी कोई परियोजनाएं केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास भेजी हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये परियोजनाएं कब भेजी गई थीं;

(ग) क्या इन परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई है, यदि हां तो कब ;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसमें विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने का विचार ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री: श्री कमल नाथ : (क) से (ङ) क्षिप्रा एवं खान नदियों के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिए क्रमश: 37.50 करोड़ रुपए एवं 8.46 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत का एक प्रस्ताव मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से जनवरी, 1991 में प्राप्त हुआ था । इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण सुधार के लिए एक अन्य प्रस्ताव 2.63 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर म्यूनिसिपल कार्पोरेशन से जुलाई, 1991 में प्राप्त हुआ था । खान और क्षिप्रा नदी को प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के उपागम-पत्र (एप्रोच-पेपर) में शामिल किया गया है, जो सरकार के विचाराधीन है। इन्दौर नगर के पर्यावरण के सुधार के लिए केवल वे घटक, जो कि खान नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण से संबंधित हैं, उन पर प्रस्तावित राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत, संसाधनों की उपलब्धता और उनकी परस्पर प्राथमिकता के आधार पर विचार किया जाएगा ।

Roads in Rajasthan

*223. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to declare any roads/State Highways as National Highways during 1992-93 and also during the Eighth Five Year Plan period State-wise; if so, the funds allocated therefor during 1992-93;

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government had requested the Central Government for declaring Bikaner-Merta-Ajmer-Bhilwara - Chittorgarh-Ratlam - Indore (from NH-15 to NH-3), Gurgaon Alwar - Sariska - Dansa - Sawai Madhopur Shivpur and two more roads as National Highways; if so, the funds allocated till the 30th November, 1992 during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the foreign assistance to be received for the purpose and the amount to be given to Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The Government of Rajasthan forwarded a list of 5 proposals for declaration as new National Highways in the 8th Plan including the roads in a question as detailed in list enclosed as Statement [*see* below]. However, due to constraint of financial resources for national Highways made available in the 8th Plan, it is difficult at this stage to declare any new National Highways in any State including Rajasthan. The matter will be re-examined at the time of mid-term in view of the 8th Plan in case financial allocations for National Highways are increased.

(c) There is no proposal for seeking foreign assistance for construction of new National Highways as yet.

Statement

List indicating proposals received from Government of Rajasthan for being declared as National Highways.

RAJASTHAN

(in Km)

1.	Bikaner - Merta-Ajmer - Bhilwara - Chittorgarh - Ratlam - Indore (from NH-15 to NH-3)	455
2.	Gurgaon - Alwar - Sariska - Dausa - Sawaimadhopur - Shivpuri	270
3.	Kosi - Kama - Deeg - Bharatpur - Roopwas - Sepau - Dholpur	140
4.	Extension of NH-11. A from Chandwaji (on NH-8) to Chomu (NH-11) and Chomu to Bagru (on NH-8)	75
5.	Abu - Udaipur - Chittorgarh - Bijolia-Kota - Baran - Shivpuri.	540
	Total :	1480

Tiger Population in the Country

*224 DR. ABRAR AHMED :
SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR :

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the tiger population in the country at present;

(b) whether there has been an alarming rise in tiger poaching in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to curb poaching ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) As per 1989 census, the estimated tiger population in the country is 4334.

(b) and (c) No reports of any alarming rise in tiger poaching cases have been received from State wildlife authorities. However, in the case of Ranthambhore, the Kumat enquiry report mentioned some evidence of poaching, the extent of which is not yet known. The state governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify petrolling around the Tiger Reserves.

Development of Waterways in Andhra Pradesh

*225. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to widen and improve the Buckingham Canal from Vijayawada to Madras;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any other proposals from Andhra Pradesh to develop the existing inland waterways into navigational canals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal under Government's consideration to widen and improve the Buckingham Canal from Vijayawada to Madras.